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particular case and the years, literally almost decades that pass before the penalty is actually implemented in those few cases where it's imposed. Now, as a Legislature, if we're going to examine this issue, and I believe we are, in detail and try to determine the fairness of the applicability of the penalty and open ourselves up to examination on this entire issue, then I think it's reasonable to provide the necessary resources to complete a report on these cases that have been...that have occurred, that we're going to look at to complete that report within a little over a year and a half after we adjourn this Complete that report by the end of the year...by the end of the year 2000, and give us the session of 2001 to react If we feel the report was not done in-depth to that report. enough, we can ask for more information. If we feel we have enough information, we have that session to deal with legislation. If we feel a need to extend the moratorium after that experience, we can extend it a year at that point, if necessary. My...I am grateful for the fact that, if we're going to deal with the death penalty, that the Judiciary Committee hasn't brought us an up or down vote on the death penalty because, based on what I know at this point, I would most likely still vote to support the death penalty. But after getting this information and having an opportunity to review it and seeing what the alternatives are and having a chance to develop alternatives to the death penalty and examine those, my vote might be different. But I don't want to take anymore time than is necessary to get to that point. I don't think that's fair to anyone, our constituents, to the victims, to the perpetrators of these crimes. We need to get on with it. And I think, after some discussion with Senator Brashear, that it's reasonable to expect the report by the end of the year 2000. It might take a few more resources to get the in-depth report in that period of time than if you gave them another year. But I think the resources that we expend on the death penalty and on capital cases right now will dwarf the amount of money we'll getting this information. It's not a large amount of money, and it's an important enough issue that I think it's justified to spend the money to have the resources to complete that report in that period of time. I offer this alternative to the body. expect to...I expect to be...to receive some criticism on this issue, no matter which way I vote. And we're all in that position. But I'm simply going to do what I think is right as a